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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:  
a body member;  
a plurality of struts including a proximal end region and a distal end region, the plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;  
an anchoring member disposed adjacent the distal end region of at least some of the plurality of struts; and  
wherein one or more of the struts include a weakened region coupling the anchoring member to the distal end region of at least some of the plurality of struts, wherein the weakened region is configured to fail releasing the anchoring member from the at least some of the plurality of struts.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 21, wherein the body member is coupled to the proximal end region of the struts.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the body member includes a bore.

25. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts are substantially straight.

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26. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the struts include one or more bends.

27-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:  
a body member;  
a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;  
an anchoring member disposed on a distal end of each of the struts; and  
a reduced cross-sectional area region defined in each of the struts proximal of the anchoring member, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is configured to fail releasing the anchoring member from the distal end of each of the struts.

35. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a notch in the strut.

36. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by a divert in the strut.

37. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 34, wherein the reduced cross-sectional area region is defined by an opening in the strut.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:  
a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of rigid anchoring members coupled to the arms and positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and  
wherein the arms include a reduced cross-section area region.

40. (Previously Presented) A filtering device, comprising:

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a conically-shaped filtering basket including an apex, a plurality of arms extending from the apex, and a plurality of anchoring members coupled to the arms and positioned opposite the apex, each arm including a joined end fixedly attached to the apex; and

wherein the arms include a reduced cross-sectional area region configured to break releasing the anchoring members from the arms.

41. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the weakened region fails when subject to a retrieval force.

42. (Previously Presented) The filtering device of claim 20, wherein the weakened region is configured to fail before the plurality of struts fails.

43. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:  
a body member;  
a plurality of struts fixedly attached to the body member and extending therefrom;  
an anchoring member disposed on a distal end of each of the struts; and  
means for releasing the anchoring member from the struts when subject to a force.

44. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 43 wherein the means for releasing the anchoring member includes a reduced cross-sectional area region defined in each of the struts adjacent the anchoring member.